

# Global Leadership Academy in Wuhan, China

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Majors: Ecological Engineering and Mandarin Chinese

## EDUCATION ABROAD

### Project Description

- Spent the entire month of May 2018 in China through the Office of International Affairs's Global Leadership Academy
- Practiced gymnastics at the Chinese Olympic Training Center
- Enrolled in an independent study course about the Mawangdui Tomb
- Visited 3 major Chinese cities: Beijing, Wuhan, and Shanghai



### Trip Highlights



### Motivation for the Project

Since Wuhan University is one of China's leading science and technology universities, this project was the perfect combination of my two majors. The trip also allowed me the chance to improve upon my gymnastics skills. It helped validate that I do want to have a future career in China.



### Transformation

My STEP Signature Project helped me grow as a global citizen by improving my cultural awareness and language skills. It introduced me to many new friends and their unique way of life. This project helped me towards reaching my personal, academic, athletic, and career goals.

### Favorite Parts

- Singing KTV (karaoke)
- Seeing eels in East Lake
- Visiting the Great Wall
- Tai chi with the elders
- Using public transportation by myself
- Trying new foods
- Training with Chinese athletes
- Improving my language skills



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### Goals

- Enhance my Chinese speaking abilities
- Learn new gymnastics skills and techniques
- Increase my global awareness
- Discover the history of the Mawangdui Tomb

